HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

Mary Lee Thomas - Harris

SUNRISE
JUNE 15, 1948

SUNSET
MAY 28, 2011

SERVICES HELD ON

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011
11:00AM

SOJOURNER TRUTH PREBYTERIAN CHURCH
2621 SHANE DRIVE
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA 94806

OFFICIATING
PAS. DAVID BERNSTINE

"Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting but a woman who fears the Lord is to be Praised" - Proverbs 31:30

Mary Thomas was born on June 15, 1948 in Hanford, California. Mary was the seventh child born to proud parents Fleming and Precious Jewell Thomas. Shortly after Mary was born the Thomas family moved to Richmond, California where Mary spent her childhood and early adulthood years. Mary received her early education through the Richmond Unified School District where she graduated from Harry Ells High School in 1966.

Mary accepted Christ at an early age where she was baptized at Providence Baptist Church. In recent years she moved her membership to Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church.

Mary united with Larry Harris and from this union one daughter was born, Angela. Mary was a loving devoted mother and wife who was very proud of her family.

She began her career with Bank of America as a Payroll Data Clerk. Following twenty plus years of service with Bank of America, Mary later started a career with Robert Half International in 1998 as a Data Entry Clerk where she retired in 2005.

In her spare time Mary enjoyed volunteering at the Richmond Soup Center where she helped serve the community. Additionally, Mary's childhood friends formed the "Kitchen Crew," an organization dedicated to assisting families in their time of bereavement. Mary was known to be a good listener and always provided "financial advice" to her family and friends. She enjoyed playing a good game of spades or bid whist, watching the Food-Network channel and good times with family and friends

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband Larry Harris, daughter Angela Shivers (Tyran), son Ricky Harris (Michelle), granddaughter Lauryn, two sisters Janice Sharpe (Chris) and Jackie Roberts. Three brothers Elbert Thomas (Ella), Kary Thomas (Margret), Willie Roberts and a host of family and friends. Preceded her in death: parents Fleming and Precious Thomas, sisters Dorothy Roberts and Josephine Edwards, brothers James, Jethro and Joseph Thomas and her son Randy Harris.

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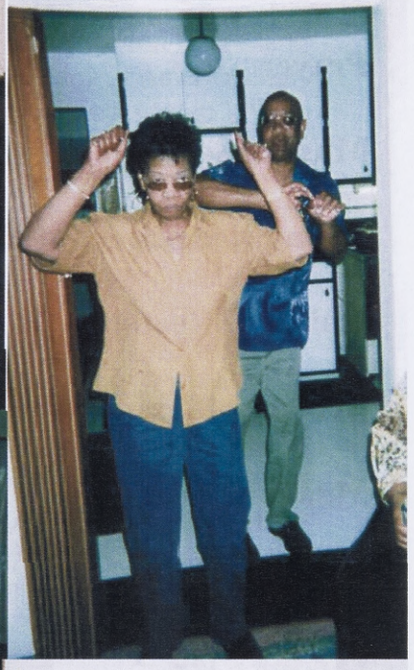
Order of Service

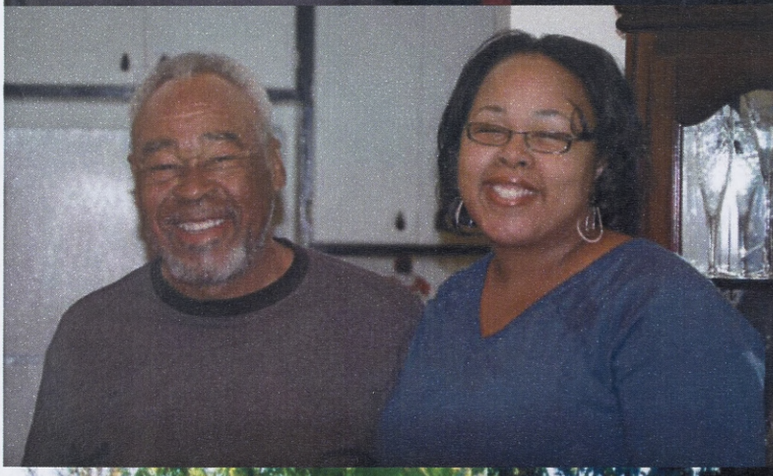
Processional	**Ministers & Family**
Scripture Reading	**Old & New Testament**
Prayer	**Tony Adams**
Musical Selection	**Darryl Malone**
Acknowledgement of Condolences	**Latoya Adams**
Obituary Reading	**Ramona Thomas Nickens**
Remarks (2 minutes please)	**Friends & Family**
Musical Selection	**Darryl Malone**
Eulogy	**Pas. David Bernstine**
Parting View	**Funeral Staff**
Recessional	**Friends & Family**
Private Family Viewing	**Immediate Family**

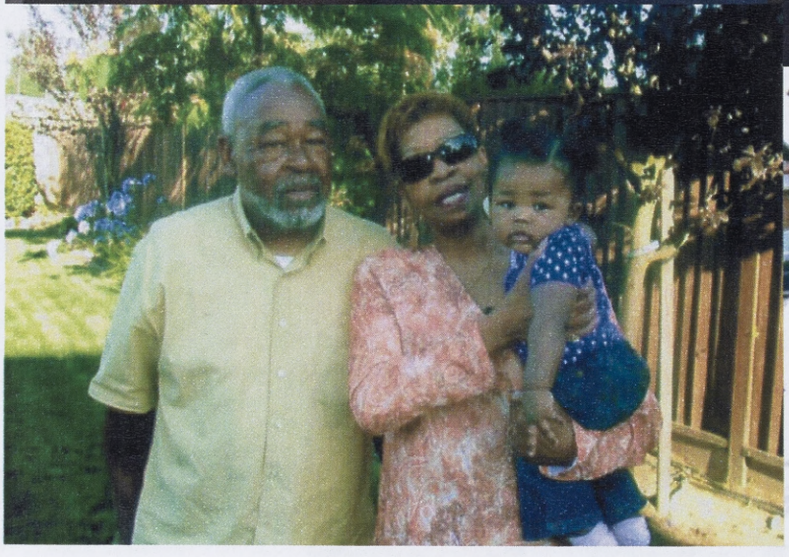
Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

Richmond, CA



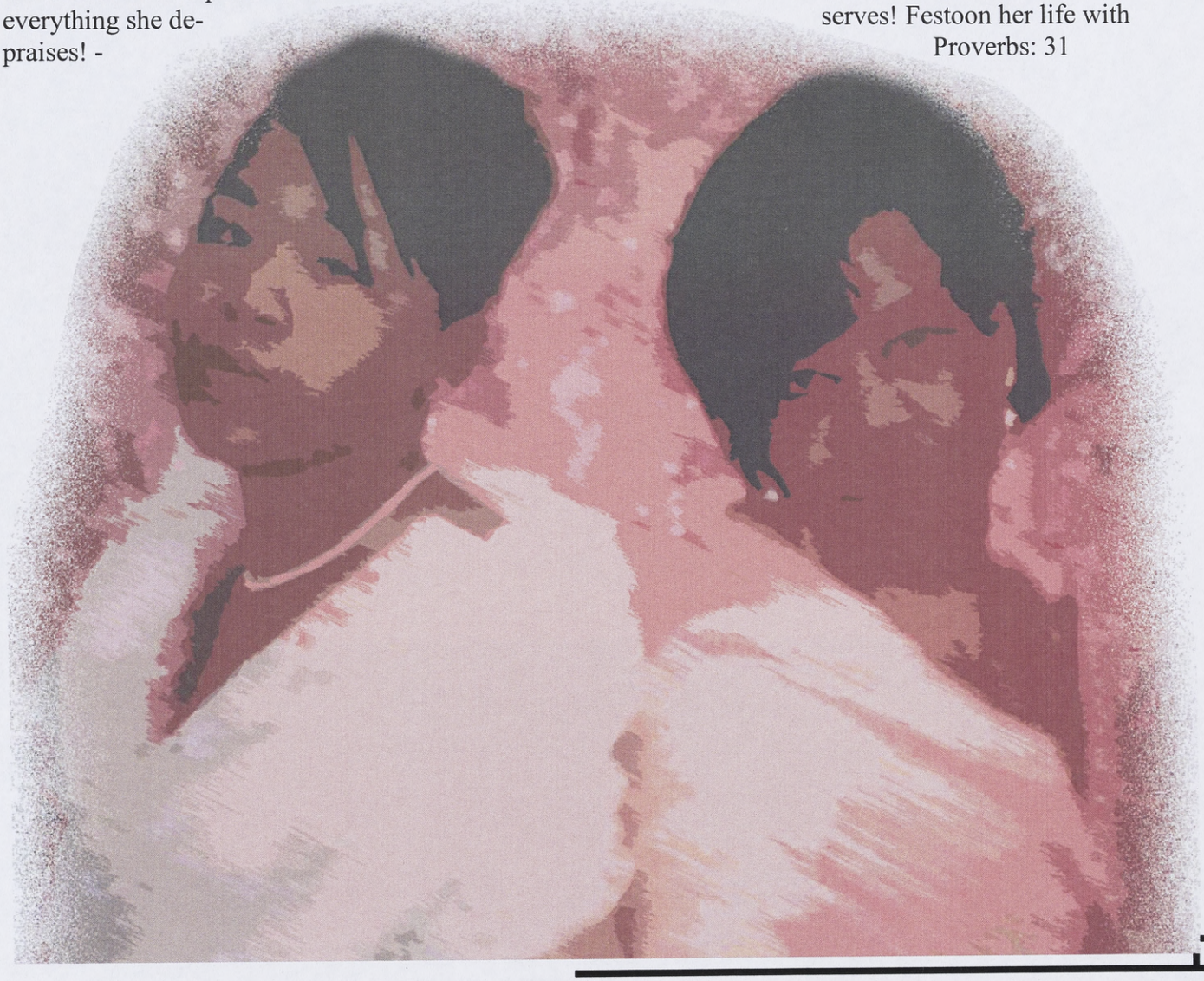




Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds. Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it. Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long. She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing. She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises. She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day. She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden. First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started. She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day. She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking. She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor. She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear. She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks. Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers. She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops. Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly. She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive. Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise: "Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!" Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-God. Give her everything she deserves! Festoon her life with praises! -

Proverbs: 31



Active Pallbearers

Kim Thomas

Jeff Thomas

Michael Thomas

Nick Thomas

Tony Thomas

Tyvone Thomas

Honorary Pallbearers

"The Kitchen Crew"

Ryeko Thomas

Rashaad Thomas

Terrence Marshall

LeAndre Green

Brandon Sharpe

Christopher Sharpe

Acknowledgment

The family acknowledges with the sincere appreciation for your many prayers, phone calls and other comforting expressions of kindness shown in this time of need. We will forever be grateful.

~The Family~

Arrangement Entrusted To
Wilson and Kratzer Mortuaries
455 24th Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Repast will be held at Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church